GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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REVIEW OF DP AP IN DISTRICTS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts brought under the Drought Prone Area Programme (OPAP) in the country so far, State-wise;

(b) Whether the Government propose to review the OPAP and to include more districts under the programme; and

(c) If so, the details thereof, district-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL)

(a) At present, 183 districts in 16 States are covered under Drought Prone Areas Programme

(DPAP). The State wise detail is as under:

S.No. State No. of districts

1. Andhra Pradesh 11

2. Bihar 6

3. ChatishQarh 8

4. Guiarat 14

5. Himachal Pradesh 3

6. Jammu & Kashmir 2

7. Jharkhand 14

8. Karnataka 15

9. Madhya Pradesh 23

10. Maharashtra 25

11. Orissa 8

12. Rajasthan 11

13. Tamil Nadu 17

14. Uttar Pradesh 15

15. Uttranchal 7

16. West Bengal 4

Total 183

(b) & (c) :- A technical Committee headed by Dr. C.H. Hanumantha Rao had examined the inclusionof additional areas for coverage under DP AP and Desert Development Programme (DDP). Keeping in view the recommendations of this Committee, the DP AP was extended to 947 blocks in 164 districts in 13 States with effect from 1.4.1995. Subsequently, with the reorganization of States, districts and blocks, the programme is now covering 971 blocks of 183 districts in 16 States. The recommendations of the technical Committee were based on the scientific criteria of moisture index, percentage of irrigated area, high slopes, etc. At present, there is no proposal to review the area under DP AP and include more districts under the programme.